Poaching of animals by farmers of North Indian States

180. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow poaching of some animals by farmers of North Indian States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to consult Environmentalists and Wildlife activists before taking any decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Montreal Protocol

181. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is committed under the Montreal Protocol to phase out the production and consumption of Ozone Depleting Chemicals;

(b) if so, what are the implications of such a phasing out in Indian context; and

(c) whether Government propose to establish R&D facilities both in public and private sectors for the substitution of ozone depleting chemicals by more environment friendly substances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Montreal Protocol on Substances which deplete the Ozone Layer entered into force on 1-1-1989. Following accession to the Protocol on 19-6-1992 the terms of the Protocol have come into effect for India from 19-9-92. The Protocol identifies the substances the production and consumption of which are to be controlled. The time schedule for phased reduction of these substances, and also restrictions in trade in these substances, with countries who are not parties to the Protocol, are also laid down. The Protocol provides that countries, such as India, whose calculated per capita consumption of the controlled substances is low, can postpone phase-out by 10 years from the date when these measures become applicable to the developed countries in which the per capita consumption is high.

The Ozone depleting substances such as CFC-11, CFC-12, etc. are used primarily in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry. The implications of the phase-out are that the users and producers of Ozone depleting substances must switch over to the use and production of Non-Ozone depleting substances.

(c) R&D facilities exist in the private sector where appropriate research could be conducted. Laboratories of the CSIR are also working on substitute substances. There is no proposal to establish new R&D facilities.

Environmental clearance of projects from Andhra Pradesh

182. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects from A.P. which are pending for environmental clearance;

(b) since when these are pending; and

(c) they are at what stage of consideration?